

## **Patriotic Exercises**

### ***Pledge of Allegiance***

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code § 15.1-19-03.1, all schools within the Fargo Public School District (“District”) shall provide students with the opportunity to voluntarily recite the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of each school day. Students, staff, and volunteers may not be required to recite the pledge of allegiance, stand during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance, or salute the American flag. However, all students and staff are expected to show respect to those who elect to participate in the pledge of allegiance. The American Flag may be displayed on a television or projection screen or hung on the wall in a classroom. The pledge of allegiance can be led by an intercom announcement, video broadcast, or by individual teachers.

### ***Participation in Elections***

Any student who is a qualified elector in a general, special, or primary election shall be authorized to leave campus to participate in the election subject to the following limitations:

1. Prior to leaving campus to participate in an election, the student or guardian has provided the building principal, or their designee, with written notice of their intent to participate in the election.
2. Students leaving campus to participate in an election must do so during period eight unless the student has received prior approval from the building principal, or their designee, to leave campus during an open period in their schedule.

Any student who leaves campus to vote who does not return for any subsequent periods if they have received prior approval to vote during an open period will be handled in accordance with AP 6220 – Student Attendance.

### ***References:***

*N.D.C.C. § 15.1-19-03.1*

*N.D.C.C. § 15.1-07-42*

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